



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: El Capitan Geotechnical Boring

LOCATION: El Capitan State Beach

COUNTY: Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project is geotechnical investigation including the drilling of exploratory holes (borings) that will inform engineers in the design of a future bridge project. Holes will be attempted as deep as 50 feet if rock is not encountered. Soil samples will be collected and the groundwater level will be measured. Techniques will include Standard Penetration Test (SPT), and California Ring samples will be collected typically at 5-foot intervals. Holes will be backfilled with the boring spoils along with supplemental local soils to compensate for samples taken. The site will be left in a nearly identical original condition. A truck-mounted rig will be used from the shoulder of the road to access the hole sites.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Channel Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 6

Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

- "Soils engineering test" (Class 6, Section 15306)

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